

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, line 1:

--RELATED APPLICATION

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This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), of previously filed provisional application *Diagnostic Devices Containing Porous Material*, Serial No. 60/191,935, filed March 24, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-18 (cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 19-40 (cancelled) due to an election/restriction without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 2, 3 → w/ claim
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41. (new) A diagnostic device comprising:

a rigid three-dimensional porous material manufactured from alumina and a fusion source, wherein said material is in a form selected from the group of forms consisting of plates, cylinders, discs, particles, tubes, beads and coatings.

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42. (new) The device of Claim 41 wherein the material is further manufactured from silica.

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43. (new) The device of Claim 41 wherein the material is manufactured from a boron fusion source.